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Purpose: To release Conservation Activity Plan planning criteria and plan templates to Section III of the FOTG in support of implementing EQIP during FY 2016.

Effective Date: National Bulletin 300-16-4 provides program and technical guidance for support and management of approved CAPs during FY2016.

Explanation of Changes: The Science and Technology deputy area provided updated planning criteria and requirements for specific CAPs during FY 2016. Key changes are summarized in NB300-16-4.

CAP Code	CAP Name	Description
102	Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan	A comprehensive nutrient management plan (CNMP) is a conservation plan for an animal feeding operation (AFO) that documents how nutrients and contaminants will be managed in the production and land treatment areas of the farm to protect animal health, human health, and the environment.
104	Nutrient Management Plan	A nutrient management plan is a document of record of how nutrients will be managed for plant production and to address the environmental concerns related to the offsite movement of nutrients from agricultural fields.
106*	Forest Management Plan	A forest management plan is a site-specific plan developed for a client, which addresses one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related conservation activities or practices will be planned and applied.
108	Feed Management Plan	A feed management plan is a farm-specific plan developed for a client, to document control of the quantity and quality of available nutrients, feedstuffs, and/or additives fed to livestock and poultry.
110	Grazing Management Plan	A grazing management plan is a site-specific plan, developed with a client to address one or more resource concerns on land where grazing related activities or practices will be applied.
112	Prescribed Burning Plan	A prescribed burning plan is a site-specific plan developed with a client which addresses one or more resource concerns on land through the use of fire.
114*	Integrated Pest Management	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an ecosystem-based, sustainable approach to manage pests. It uses a combination of techniques such as chemical tools biological control, habitat manipulation, and modification of cultural practices and use of resistant varieties of cultivars.
118	Irrigation Water Management Plan	Irrigation Water Management (IWM) controls the volume, frequency, and rate of water for efficient irrigation. Measuring soil moisture, water use by plants and climate help decide when to irrigate, and how much water to apply.





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128*	Agricultural Energy Management Plan	An Agricultural Energy Management Plan- Headquarters (AgEMP) is a detailed documentation of energy consuming components and practices of the current operation, the previous year's on-farm energy consumption, and the strategy by which the producer will explore and address their on-farm energy conservation concerns, objectives, and opportunities.
130	Drainage Water Management Plan	Drainage Water Management (DWM) controls soil water table elevations and the timing of water discharges from subsurface or surface agricultural drainage systems, allowing the opportunity for crop use of the subsurface water and nutrients.
138*	Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition	A "Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition" is a conservation activity plan documenting decisions by producers/growers who agree to implement a system of conservation practices which assist the producer to transition from conventional farming or ranching systems to an organic production system.
142	Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan	A fish and wildlife habitat plan is a site specific plan developed with a client who is ready to plan and implement conservation activities or practices with consideration for fish and wildlife habitat.
146	Pollinator Habitat Plan	A pollinator habitat enhancement plan is a site-specific conservation plan developed for a client that addresses the improvement, restoration, enhancement, expansion of flower-rich habitat that supports native and/or managed pollinators.
154*	IPM Herbicide Resistant Weed Conservation Plan	Integrated Pest Management Herbicide Resistance Weed Conservation Plan emphasizes modifications in herbicide use to suppress weeds on cropland.

*Note – These CAPs are supported with plan templates.

Changes were made to the following CAP documents:

- CAP 102 Criteria
- CAP 104 Criteria
- CAP 128 Criteria
- CAP 128 Checklist

All other documents are the same as FY2015. All documents will be located in Section III of the PA FOTG in the Activity Plan_2016 Activity Plans folder.

Access Instructions:

You can access Section III of the Field Office Technical Guide Table of Contents directly at the following web address: <https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12477>

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